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大川周明ニ付スル質問調書

一九四〇年三月十日 自九時半至十一時半

問 大川博士 東條が自殺シトシタ名ヲ得ニ居テ一通、手紙ヲ讀ミ、
テ用ヒセザウ。此、手紙、東條英機ニ宛テタテ、即チ

『世皇陛下北伐ニ付日ニ五番地東條英機殿ニ月三日岳川王上大崎
孚目ニニ番地大川周明宛

閣下

現下、非常時局ニ際シ、閣下、任務、益々御多忙、コトト思ヒニガ、

閣下、日本、唯一、頼テタリニスル國民、福祉ニ関スル閣下、最も
重要ナル使命ヲ完全ニ果サシ、事ヲ斷断リ申シエダス。

然レ作ラ大藏大臣、不誠意ガエ無キハ御承知、通リ合衆國、惜
歎協定問題、殆ド解決サレバアリス。此、我態ヲ緩和スル爲閣
下、全カヲ盡シ、努力アラコトハ望ミタス。

蒋介石元帥、唯一、援助、合衆國、援助ヲ受ケルニテリス。其レ故若シ
上記協定ガ締結サレバ中國、唯一、希望ヲ持テスル(電報的)轉トナルベ
シ。斯レニ日華事變、迅速ナル解決ヲ齎ラシ、且日本、南進政策
遂行ヲ可能ナシメラルベシ。是即チ、現下、迫セル怪執ヲ打スル
唯一、解決法ナルト信ズルベシ。

本件ニ就テ閣下ト直接御相談致シ、及イテ願フニ居タデアリシ
ガ今晚滿洲國ニ向テ公発致シマス。何卒此、手紙ヲ受取下サ
貴方ハ此、手紙ヲ書キミタカ。

答 然リ。書イタト思ヒニス。

問 只今讀ミ聞カセタデ此、手紙、貴方ハ言ヒ、宜キニ居ニス。貴方ハ
其ヲ一九四〇年七月三日ニ書イタデスネ。

答 然リ。

田中

Q. Dr. Okawa, I will read to you a letter that was found in Tojo's possession the day that he tried to kill himself. This letter is addressed to Hideki Tojo:

"To Hideki Tojo, 25-2 Chome Kitazawa, Setagaya-ku
From Shumei Okawa, 231 - 4 Chome Kami-Osaka, Shinagawa-ku dated 21 July---

Your Excellency,

During these turbulent times your duties must keep you very busy, but because you are the one hope of Japan, I pray that your most important mission with regard for the welfare of the people is thoroughly accomplished.

But for the insincerity of the Minister of Finance the United States Loan Agreement question is almost settled as you know. Will you please exert your whole hearted efforts in alleviating this condition.

General Chiang Kai Shek's only salvation is to obtain aid from the United States; therefore if the above mentioned agreement is completed it will be a lightning stroke obliterating China's only hope, bringing about an immediate termination of the CHINA INCIDENT and making it possible for Japan to proceed in its Southward advancement plan. This I believe is the only solution to the present critical situation.

It was my wish to confer personally with you on this matter but because I am leaving for Manchuria tonight, please accept this epistle instead."

Did you write that letter?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. You remember this letter very well now that I read it to you? You wrote it on July 21, 1940?

A. Yes.